APPENDIX E: TRAIL USERS' MEETING MINUTES



Trail Users' Meeting Notes

November 13, 2001 Logan Recreation Center

Will there be separated paths for horses?

We would rather have a trail that can accommodate all users, but, if necessary, we will consider a separated horse path adjacent to the pedestrian/bike trail.

Parking / trailhead / and beginning of trail should separated from horses because of manure. The horse users do not clean up their horses manure.

Why does the Logan/Green Canyon BST segment have a 10' wide tread and 30' wide corridor?

This is because it is planned as a firebreak and trail. The 30' area will not be cleared. The vegetation will be augmented with fire resistant native vegetation. The trail is also to function as a utility corridor that can accommodate firefighting vehicles.

A 10' tread of crushed aggregate is too wide. This is not the experience that people want when hiking/walking/biking in the foothills. It will also cause more conflicts because of increased bicycle speeds on a wide trail.

It was decided that the master plan will show a firebreak/trail cross-section that mimics the Logan/Green Canyon plans (Jill will check with Craig Pettigrew about the necessity of the 10' tread for the firebreak). The other recommended cross-section for a trail only will be a 4' wide trail with 3' shoulders. We will also add a cross-section with a 2' tread and 2' shoulders. Recommendations on designing for slower bicycle speeds (i.e., equalize grades, narrow trail) will also be included in the plan.

Crushed aggregate is not an accessible surface. It is not good for wheelchairs and persons with unstable footing.

Different surface options that promote accessibility will be explored and included in the master plan. The plan will also recommend some urban segments provide accessibility. It was noted that a crushed aggregate that has a high clay content will compact more solidly and facilitate access better.

How is trailhead access established and maintained?

Optimal trailheads will be identified in the Master Plan. These will likely include both construction of new trailheads and the identification of existing facilities (i.e., parks) that can function as trailheads.

Dog waste is a problem on existing trails such as the Logan River Trail. What can we do to control this on the BST?

Options for controlling dog waste will be identified in the Master Plan.

How can we control erosion on the trail?

Trail erosion can be minimized through construction practices that include alignment on appropriate grades and erosion control features such as water bars etc. This will be included in the construction and maintenance section of the master plan.

Who maintains the segments?

Maintenance may be done by a particular jurisdiction that implemented the trail or through volunteers. Generally, because of the nature of the BST contouring the foothills, maintenance will be minimal.

How are decisions on alignments made?

Identification of opportunities and constraints (i.e., existing corridors, property ownership, environmental constraints, Lake Bonneville levels) will be used to determine the best locations for the trail on various segments.

How do you keep ATVs off of the trail?

Through a variety of design techniques. For example, using landscape features, gates, bars. This will be covered in the master plan.

What are the Wilderness boundary / encroachment issues?

A small segment of the Logan/Green Canyon Trail crosses into Mount Naomi. It appears that there could be a problem on the Box Elder County side of the Wellsville Mountains. Jill will look into this at more detail and get the information to Michael Barry. It was suggested that the best approach would be to avoid placing the alignment in Wilderness to the greatest extent possible. If this is not possible then explore a separated path for that section for bicycles.

Can we show the trail from Collinston to Malad?

To do this, we will probably use our existing mapping and show an arrow heading in that direction. No detailed mapping or analysis of this area will be conducted because of budget constraints.